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REMARKS

Claims 1, 7, 9 and 11, as amended, remain herein.

Applicants appreciate the statements in the Office Action that claims 1 and 9 are allowed, and that claims 12 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the independent claim and any intervening claims.

This Amendment places all claims 1, 7, 9 and 11 in condition for allowance, and surely in better condition for any appeal. Thus, entry of this Amendment and allowance of all claims 1, 7, 9 and 11 are respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request (a second request) the Examiner to provide applicants with a copy of PTO Form 892 showing the Dever '578 reference cited in the February 28 Office Action, so that such reference will appear on the face page of the printed Letters Patent.

The specification, at page 10, lines 6-7, and at page 21, lines 6-8, has been amended to replace the reference "Example 2" with "Example 3."

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Claim 7 has been amended to recite all of the limitations of allowable claim 12, thereby making claim 7 allowable, and claim 11, which depends from claim 7, also is allowable. Claims 12 and 13 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

1. Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Beese U.S. Patent 3,684,908. Claim 7 has been amended to recite all of the limitations of allowable claim 12, thereby making claim 7 allowable, and mooting the rejection. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

2. Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Beese '908. Claim 11, which depends from now allowable claim 7, is allowable. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

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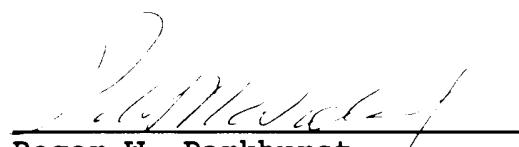
All claims 1, 7, 9 and 11 are now proper in form and patentably distinguished over all grounds of rejection cited in the Office Action. Accordingly, allowance of all claims 1, 7, 9 and 11 is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by the applicants would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone applicants' undersigned representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

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